



CITY OF COLUMBIA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013  
6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1737 MAIN STREET

The Columbia City Council conducted a Council Meeting and a Zoning Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and the following members of Council were present: The Honorable Sam Davis, The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine, The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Brian DeQuincey Newman, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah. Also present were Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager and Ms. Erika D. Moore, City Clerk. This meeting was advertised in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Troop 100 of St. Joseph Catholic Church led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Chaplain Byron Powers, Columbia Police Department offered the Invocation.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted unanimously to adopt the agenda with the following amendments:

- Add a presentation from Senator Kay Patterson
- Add the recognition of Columbia College Leadership and Communication Class
- Move the City Council and Staff Discussion Items after the presentations

### **PUBLIC INPUT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

*No one appeared at this time.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Meeting Minutes of July [1](#) and August [6](#), 2013 – *Approved as presented.*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2013 and August 6, 2013.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 2. Special Presentation

The Honorable Senator Kay Patterson presented Mayor Stephen K. Benjamin with a framed newspaper article highlighting his re-election. He stated for the record that this was his suck up time.

Mayor Benjamin told Senator Patterson how much we love and appreciate him for all he has done for people all across this city, state and country to include the public fight for civil rights, civil justice and education and even the restoration of the Randolph Cemetery. He said we are so thankful!

### 3. [Recognition of Little Miss Harmonie Frederick](#) – The Honorable Stephen K. Benjamin

Mayor Benjamin told the college students and the young people that it is important that we recognize men like Kay Patterson, because he is living history and we are so proud of the foundation he and so many others like him have helped to build for us to be able to live the lives that we enjoy now. He stated that as we reach back and grab that baton from Senator Patterson we are trying to figure out whom to pass that baton to. He recognized Little Miss Harmonie Frederick, a 7-year old student who collected coats at Polo Road Elementary School and donated them to the Hannah House. He presented Little Miss Harmonie Frederick with a Citation of Recognition.

Little Miss Harmonie Frederick said thank you so very much!

Councilor Devine added that Miss Harmonie is a budding actress that performs at the Town Theatre and she will be in an upcoming performance of Cinderella next month.

### 4. Dr. Tamara Burk – Columbia College introduced the Leadership and Communication Class

Dr. Tamara Burk, John Reeves Endowed Chair of Leadership / Professor of Communication Studies for Columbia College introduced students at Columbia College that are taking the Leadership and Communication Course. She thanked the City of Columbia and the employees who allowed the students to shadow them.

### 5. [Small Business Saturday Presentation and Proclamation](#) – Ms. Tina Herbert, Director of Office of Business Opportunities

Ms. Tina Herbert, Director of the Office of Business Opportunities explained that Small Business Saturday is a national effort to drive consumers to shop at local independently owned businesses on Saturday, November 30th. She said in 2012, \$5.1 billion was spent nationwide on Small Business Saturday and in order to promote this day, they will use online tools and social media. She reported that over 200,000 tweets were sent out. She

said that the Office of Business Opportunities will be tweeting about one small independently owned business every day for the next 100 days; they created and will be distributing window clings to businesses; and they will be launching a Shop Columbia App. She said that 150 businesses have registered on the app so far. She presented a commercial for the Shop Columbia Mobile App.

Ms. Samantha Smith, Columbia College Student said the goal is for these initiatives to bring consumers to the local independent businesses, support job growth and boost local economy.

Mayor Benjamin and the members of City Council proclaimed Saturday, November 30, 2013 as Small Business Saturday in the City of Columbia.

6. [Recognition of the 2013 South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Programming Excellence Award Recipient](#) – Mr. Jeff Caton, Parks and Recreation Director

Mr. Jeff Caton, Parks and Recreation Director reported that they attended the North Carolina / South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association Annual Conference last week and Ms. Shellie Pfohl, the Executive Director of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition recognized the City of Columbia for earning four (4) of the five (5) gold medals under the Lets Move! initiative. He announced that the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department was also recognized last week for its Creative Journey Program. He recognized Ms. Brenda Oliver and Ms. Suzie Shealy for providing the energy and creative enthusiasm that made this program possible along with Fort Jackson. He said that Ms. Oliver has been contacted by other communities to export this program to other military bases. He noted that this program didn't cost the taxpayers a dime; it was supported by the community and businesses provided the supplies that were necessary to make the program successful. He recognized Ms. Lee Lumpkin and the volunteers that were in attendance.

Mr. Jim Headley, Executive Director of the South Carolina Recreation and Parks Association said it is an honor to recognize the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department for an outstanding job and a unique program that is one of a kind in the country. He said their board adopted a vision statement for the profession that says: *Create a community for people, parks and programs*. He said parks are great, they positively affect real estate values and they contribute to the economic development of a community by creating a positive image. He thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for working with this special group of people who have served our great country by going overseas and unfortunately have come back home not quite whole. He said a tremendous amount of hard work, planning and sacrifice goes into the Creative Journey Program, knowing that lives are being transformed, souls are being healed and a mind slowly finding a place of ease makes it all worthwhile. He presented the 2013 Excellence in Programming Award to the City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department for the Creative Journey Program and for providing outstanding programs and services to the citizens of Columbia and Fort Jackson.

Mayor Benjamin said this is a classic example of why people think this is a very special place to live; when the public sector, private sector, volunteers and people who care can come out and celebrate the sacrifices of so many, but also recognize the fact that we never forget that our soldiers still have major needs when they come home.

Major Yanity, Commander of the Wounded Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Jackson thanked Council for supporting this program. She said they are in a transition stage at the Warrior Transition Unit, but they believe wholeheartedly in this program and have pushed it on to their exceptional family member program at Fort Jackson. She said it's not going away; it will be used in other places. She thanked the volunteers for making a difference to the soldiers.

Ms. Brenda Oliver, Recreation Program Specialist announced an Art Sale on Saturday at Earlewood Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. She said there will also be an exhibition of all the works created by the soldiers in Creative Journey. She said the works range from paintings to pottery and murals will be donated to City Hall, Fort Jackson's Base Commander and the Warrior Transition Unit. She said there will also be a silent auction with proceeds going to Creative Journey to replenish supplies.

7. Mayor's Panel on Violent Crime and Bond Reform [Click Here to View the Report](#)  
– Mr. Robert Stewart, Retired Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division

Mr. Robert Stewart, Retired Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division said it was a good panel and the members were selected from a wide range of backgrounds and experience. He recalled that there had been recent events in the area that caused a lot of concern for the community; because of the people already out on bond for serious crimes committing other serious crimes. He said that setting bond and paying attention to people's constitutional rights and the safety of the community is a great balancing act. He noted that a deal of work has been done on bail process issues across the states over the last few years. He acknowledged that the American Bar Association has developed Pre-Trial Release Standards, which calls for the establishment of pretrial service programs to collect and present the necessary information to the courts and to provide risk assessments for the courts to use in setting bail. He said that judges can only act on what they know and what is presented in a case, so it is important that they get a packet of information in order to do that properly. He said these processes have also been proposed by the Conference of State Court Administrators and the Conference of State Chief Justices and the International Association of Chiefs of Police endorsed having these risk assessments and processes put into place. He reported that several states have created formal pretrial services systems and Virginia created a risk assessment instrument that identifies common factors that predict danger to the community and failure to appear in court. On behalf of the Panel, he recommended that the Columbia Police Department develop a system to perform a basic risk assessment, to provide information to the court to assist with setting proper and appropriate bail in all serious, most serious and violent crimes. He said it is understood that several persons, sworn and non-sworn would need to be dedicated to this, but the added value to the safety and security of the community would outweigh the costs. He suggested that retired officers or non-sworn people could

be used to lower the expense of providing this important service. He recommended that the Columbia Police Department should be present at all bond hearings for the crimes classified above and request assistance at the proceeding as needed from the Fifth Circuit Solicitors Office. He said by doing that the hope is that judges will also insist upon adequate presentations of information on which they can make decisions regarding the amount of bail and setting the appropriate conditions of bail. He said the preservation of lives and well-being depend on law enforcement, prosecutors and the judiciary diligently and effectively working together. He noted that the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) has a database that law enforcement agencies can be certified to enter into to access information to help judges with setting bail. He noted that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) has a database of incident reports that can be queried by name. He noted that SLED also maintains a Gang Database that can be queried. He said these things can be done without legislation. He reported that the panel endorses the passage of Senate Bill S19, which says that if a person is charged with committing a serious or most serious crime while out on bond for a serious or most serious crime then that bond hearing needs to be conducted in the Circuit Court, because of the severity of what that implies. He said there also needs to be an enhancement penalty for persons out on bond for a serious offense that commits another serious crime. He said the panel recommends an enhancement of up to five (5) years. He recommended that they look at the Florida initiative whereby if a person is on probation or parole and commits a serious, most serious and/or violent crime, that person cannot be released from jail until a parole or probation violation hearing is conducted; the panel recommends specific days of time for this to occur in order to protect the defendant's rights. He said that determination will be given to the court before the court sets bond for the additional crime that person has committed. He said we all know there are gang problems everywhere in the United States. He said there are categories of information to be submitted to the court and we would like to add whether the accused person is gang affiliated or not. He said the panel feels like if that has been documented sufficiently enough by federal standards to be in the Gang Database, then judges should know about that. Chief Stewart said there are bails bondsmen issues wherein bonds are being set and people are being released on a serious crime by making a minimal down payment and an installment plan on bonds. The Panel recommends that the minimum be increased and on these serious crimes that there be a definite percentage of the bond that has to be posted. The Panel also recommends that the Department of Insurance promulgate regulation increasing the minimum fee and setting a definite percentage of the face amount of the bond and then whichever is greater is what will be paid to the bondsman. He noted that under state law it is up to the bondsman to see who is furnishing the money. He said the committee also looked at victim issues and they want to stress the current law that covers transportation, security of victims and the imposition of bond conditions sufficient to protect victims and witnesses. The Panel proposed that if there is a specified reason that a document isn't available for law enforcement to provide to the court, the judge should be able to give 24 hours to allow for that documentation to be submitted. The Panel reviewed electronic monitoring and the fact that nobody is keeping up with it whatsoever. The Panel recommended that the Department of Probation, Pardon and Parole be placed in charge of quality control on the electronic monitoring industry. The Panel further recommended the passage of Senate Bill S509, which makes it a crime for a person to interfere with a GPS or electronic

monitoring device. The Panel recommended that a formal Early Legal Assistance policy and/or procedure be developed by the Columbia Police Department and approved by the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office in an effort to avoid legal complications that could jeopardize the successful outcome of a case or lead to lawsuits against the Police; to improve the quality of proceedings in prosecutions; and to provide an additional level of protection for all citizens. He said this is for General Session's cases where the Police Department will meet with the Solicitor to determine what the appropriate course of action is for a case. In closing, Chief Stewart stated that the safety and security of citizens is every level of government's first responsibility and the Panel hopes that these recommendations and considerations will contribute to improving the welfare of all citizens and be reviewed by the decision makers. On behalf of the Panel, he recommended that the Mayor of Columbia seek the support of Mayors and other municipal officials across the state; organize a local citizens support group in an effort to implement these recommendations; and seek assistance in the Legislature. He noted that some items needed to be tweaked and the final report is forthcoming.

Mayor Benjamin thanked Chief Stewart for his work on behalf of the people of Columbia. He noted that this was all done on the Chief and the blue ribbon taskforce's personal time. He said they stepped up and have done yeoman's work. He said the draft will be distributed amongst staff, the Legal Department and the judiciary. He asked that action be taken on the final report on December 10, 2013.

Councilor Davis said he sat in on a few sessions and sent an email supporting the efforts dealing with this particular issue of folks being out on parole and the allowances being provided by bondsmen over a period of time on such small amounts. He said this is resonating all over the state; we have issues that need to be addressed immediately; they do impact the quality of life; and it's not asking any more than to make sure that we have the necessary tools, backings and the best minds so that we can take the necessary steps to ensure that people feel safe no matter where they go in this city. He said if the committee is successful, then it's probably something that is going to be duplicated all over the state.

Councilor Newman said one of the biggest problems we are confronted with is that no one understands how a violent offender can be released so fast. He said what's most impressive about this report is there are some things we can do immediately. He said setting those guidelines for magistrate judges will really be impactful. He explained that most judges receive a warrant with a synopsis of the crime, which isn't enough information and obviously our officers can't be everywhere. He said more information to include the kind of bond we hope a defendant will receive, will truly be impactful, because that is something we can implement as early as next month. He said there are also higher level items that they can hopefully get our County Delegation on board with and hopefully they can fight for us on this at the State House.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

8. Council is asked to approve the [Installation of a Mid-Block Crosswalk at the 1400 Block of Lady Street](#), as requested by Traffic Engineering.

Councilor Newman asked if there are traffic concerns in this area other than on Sundays and if not are there any other alternatives such as a temporary speed hump.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said no. He noted that a temporary speed hump takes up to four hours to install because it has to be bolted into the street.

Councilor Devine asked if this will affect the holistic traffic calming measures being considered for this area.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Public Works Director said no.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the installation of a mid-block crosswalk in the 1400 block of Lady Street.

## **CITY COUNCIL AND STAFF DISCUSSION**

9. Bull Street Update

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager reported that we are very close to the agreement for Camp Asylum being signed between the Department of Mental Health, the developer and the University of South Carolina. She said the initial dig should take place in mid-December with the actual project going on in January. She stated that there has been some interest in a Cork Tree on the property, it's a private tree and it's not something we have control over; however, the developer is aware of the concerns and the desire to keep the Cork Tree. She said they don't know what the development will be in that area so there is no commitment as to whether the tree will be saved or not. She noted that the tree isn't in the best health and while the tree is rare, there are other Cork Trees in Columbia. She added that there is a Cork Tree at the Lizards Thicket on Elmwood Avenue. She said there has been initial discussion about mounted patrols and if that happens, space will be made available on the Bull Street property for the stables. She reported that the developer is in serious discussions with residential developers and there are also two potential freestanding buildings being proposed; one is a national headquarters and one is a regional headquarters. She said there is over 700,000 feet of space currently under consideration on the total property and there are two (2) strong prospects for the renovation of the Babcock Building. She announced that the first meeting of the Bull Street Commission will be held on December 2, 2013.

Councilor Devine asked if we know when initial funding will be necessary.

Ms. Missy Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager said no.

Councilor Plough requested an update on baseball.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said they are working on a feasibility study for baseball; they discussed it with several firms; and they are working with one firm to come up with a contract for them to provide the study. He said they are looking at several other outside partners to pay for the feasibility study.

Councilor Plough asked if we have a commitment from the private sector.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said we do not.

Mayor Benjamin clarified that there is a commitment to pay for it.

Councilor Devine said the feasibility study is needed if we decide to use bonding; it gives us very valuable information; it would be our study; and we need to pay for it. She said there has been an offer to pay for it through an outside entity, but she is concerned that if anyone other than the city pays for it that may put a cloud on whether or not there is motive.

Councilor Plough clarified her position. She stated that if we are going to move toward exploring baseball, it would be important to have whoever was advancing this concept in the private sector to have some financial commitment and interest in us pursuing it. She asked if this is a feasibility study on a particular site or an analysis on where a team could be most successful. She stated that if there is a private entity that is bringing forth the dollars to make an investment in this city, then that decision might be theirs to make and not ours. She said if there is a private entity that is affiliated with a baseball team that would like to come to Columbia then it is appropriate for them to commit dollars to do the appropriate analysis and then share that with us.

Mayor Benjamin said Ms. Devine's point adds a great deal of clarity. He said we've had discussions as a Council about the most prudent way to move forward as we explore baseball as a possibility in this city; discussion that we've had as far back as this past summer is that the appropriate way to do that would be to commission a feasibility study to see if baseball would be successful in this community. He recalled that there was discussion about who would pay for it and as an advocate, he took the lead in working to secure private sector funds to pay for the study, but it's important that the document be an objective document; not one paid for by someone who has a financial interest in the potential outcome. He said it would be best for the city to pay for it. He noted that staff has provided input; reviewed several different firms and proposals; spoken with financial advisors and others involved in baseball across the country; and came back with recommendations as to how and who we should move forward with.

Councilor Devine asked if we have an amount.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer said it is \$47,000.



Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager asked if Council's directive is to now move forward with the city funding the study.

Councilor Plough asked for the funding source for the \$47,000.

Mr. Jeff Palen, Chief Financial Officer agreed to bring that information back. He said he would identify the source and ensure that this is done properly through procurement regulations.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mayor Benjamin, Council voted five (5) to two (2) to approve the city procuring services for a feasibility study in an amount not to exceed \$47,000. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Ms. Devine, Mr. Davis and Mayor Benjamin. Voting nay were Mr. Baddourah and Ms. Plough.

Councilor Plough made a motion for this Council to hold a public forum at the second meeting in January to discuss the advantages of a city sponsored baseball team in the City Columbia. She said this is to hear from citizens whether or not they think this is an appropriate move for this Council.

Mayor Benjamin said it would be nice to have the information and be able to share it with the public. He said he is not sure that the feasibility study will be site specific; we can make it as broad as we want to; it can be baseball in Columbia. He said the research indicates that all successful endeavors with Minor League Baseball have been in the urban core, whether it's Oklahoma City, Durham, Fort Wayne or Greenville. He said there are very few options with 10 to 20 acres in the urban core. He said we can have the Request for Proposals drafted to be non-site specific and when we have the information we will make a commitment to share it publicly and then we can have broad and wide and several public discussions.

Councilor Plough said she is not opposed to that.

Councilor Davis said it is his preference to have the appropriate information first so that they can be as responsive as they can to any questions that might come up from the public in general. He agreed that it doesn't have to be site specific, but at least relative to somewhere near the urban core.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to hold a forum as quickly as possible after the feasibility study is concluded in order to receive public input on the advantages of a city sponsored baseball team in the City Columbia.

## 10. Emergency Shelter Update

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department reported that the Emergency Shelter opened on October 5, 2013. He provided the following statistics as of November 21, 2013: attendance ranged from 29 to 175 individuals with a total of 528 different individuals being served; case management has been very successful; 226 people have been moved to service providers in programs in the community; 55 people were placed in the following shelters, programs or transitional/permanent housing: Hannah House (13), Bethel House (5), the Oaks (2), Winnsboro (4), Allendale (5), permanent housing (10), Salvation Army and the Housing Authority (10), apartments (5) and Transitions (1).

Councilor Devine asked if permanent housing is through Housing First, another affordable housing unit or Christ Central. She asked who transitioned them to permanent housing.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development said most of them were moved to shelters as opposed to permanent housing.

Councilor Devine sought clarification on the path individuals took to get from the shelter to permanent housing.

- **Mayor Benjamin left the meeting at 7:44 p.m.**

Councilor Davis said we must be clear on what we refer to as permanent housing.

Ms. Deborah Livingston, Director of Community Development agreed to find out the path taken and to make sure that the definition of permanent housing is the same.

Ms. Kristen Connor, University of South Carolina / Director of Supportive Housing Services reported that they haven't taken anybody from the Emergency Shelter into Housing First, because they don't have any vacancies. She noted that they were full before the shelter opened.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department continued to report that there are now seven destinations and routes to include Transitions, Mental Health Center, DSS, Trojan Labor, Transit Station, Richland County Public Library and Hope Plaza. He reported that there are mornings and afternoon program classes to include resume development, job interview skills and drug and alcohol recovery. He reported that the meal program has gone well. He noted that 23 churches, businesses and groups have volunteered and 10,883 meals have been served. He said the Red Shirts are volunteers with Christ Central Ministries that provide security services and they have been very helpful with maintaining peace at the shelter. He stated that the police have indicated that there have been fewer complaints from the Main Street area since the shelter opened. He announced that the first Emergency Shelter Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Hope Plaza.

Councilor Baddourah said he received calls late in the evenings about how to handle patients who can't check into the shelter at night. He asked who you call for assistance after hours.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said there is a 24 hour phone line. He noted that the buses do pick up individuals until 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Baddourah asked about the transportation cycles. He said someone was dropped off at a destination for 12-hours.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said they've worked hard to develop routes and destinations. He said there should not be a case of someone having to stay at a destination all day.

Councilor Baddourah asked Mr. Rainwater to send the contact information to the members of Council. He asked how the meals in the park are coming along.

▪ **Mr. Davis left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.**

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said the plan was to look at our ordinances and Mr. Caton was directed to look at educating the public about any type of activity in the parks where we want to utilize our permitting process consistently. She said we talked with Pastor Jones about him getting up and running; it was reported that he has a consistent number of folks that collaborate with him to feed at the shelter; and it is time to look at that again holistically.

Councilor Baddourah asked if people are checked in late when it's a cold night.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said the Police can transport people to the shelter late at night.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said there are no walk-ups or drive-ups; if it's late at night, there has to be a coordinated effort with the Columbia Police Department to have someone registered at the shelter.

Councilor Baddourah reiterated his question regarding the ability for someone to check in late at night when it's cold. He asked if the check-in center opens late during bad weather.

Councilor Runyan recalled that Mr. Baddourah made a request to control foot traffic in and through neighborhoods and as part of that policy there are no walk-ups. He said the shelter is working together with the city and they are working with the Columbia Police Department. He said if the Columbia Police Department has someone that is in need of shelter, they are available to make entry at all hours of the night.

Councilor Devine said there was a lot of discussion regarding re-entry into the shelter if you left. She asked if people had to start the process over.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said if a person is there, their bed is reserved for them; however, if they miss a night, they lose that bed and have to come back through the process if space is available.

Councilor Devine thanked City Council for referring the discussion of affordable housing to the committee. She said Housing First is full and the Columbia Housing Authority announced that they have closed the list for public housing. She challenged the city, because we already have a great need that will be exasperated by the continued lack of affordable housing. She said the ability to transition individuals to permanent housing is shrinking and we have to get on this as soon as possible.

Councilor Plough said she understands that we are looking for a different location for registration since the weather is getting cold. She asked what progress has been made with in identifying a location.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said that will be discussed with the committee tomorrow.

Councilor Plough said they started charging on November 11, 2013. She asked how that has proceeded.

Mr. Jeff Rainwater, Community Liaison for the Community Development Department said he has received positive feedback from the staff. He said the classes have been successful. He explained that the residents are accruing a \$14 per day fee; attendance in the classes waives those fees.

Councilor Runyan said the classes are up to three (3) hours in the morning and the afternoon; they are built around the client's goals; and each session offsets \$7.

Mr. JaJa Akair said he doesn't know where they are getting these statistics from. He said a lot of things are ludicrous at the Emergency Shelter. He said you have to be at Hope Plaza by 5:45 p.m. and the last bus leaves Hope Plaza at 6:00 p.m. He said if you are at the shelter before 5:00 p.m. and you don't get a bus, the bus driver is told that you can't get on. He said there were over a dozen individuals left out in the cold. He said he walked them all down there and got them into the shelter, but they wanted to lock him up for trespassing. He said he doesn't stay at the shelter, but he sticks around to make sure they are doing what's in the contract; they're not abiding by the contract they signed. He said people have major problems in their lives that they need to correct.

Councilor Runyan said he heard about the incident when Jaja and his gang tried to bust into the shelter and the Columbia Police Department had to pull him away.

11. Path Forward for Homelessness [Click here to view the update](#)

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director provided an update on the homelessness response motion passed by City Council on September 3, 2013 related to Columbia Cares. She distributed an action statement outlining the 12 components of the motion, the entity responsible for the item, the staff person associated with the item and the status of each. She reported that Item 1 was to open the shelter by September 24, 2013 for seven (7) months. The shelter opened on October 24, 2013 and this item is completed. Item 2 was that City Council provide funding in the same amount as last year's contract. The contract was approved for \$500,000; it will be paid in four (4) installments; and this item is technically completed in the sense that the contract was approved and is being paid. Item 3 is that Christ Central provide for the operation of vans and buses. This has been covered through the contract with Christ Central and this item is ongoing per the contract with Christ Central. Item 4 refers to Christ Central Ministries striving to move clients out of the Emergency Shelter and into participating service provider programs within seven (7) days and 55 persons have been placed in shelter programs or transitional housing and more individuals have received services from other programs.

Councilor Plough asked about the average length of stay.

Councilor Runyan noted that those who are in need of job training, substance abuse counseling or transitional housing have been fairly quick and that is the preponderance of the 55 seen so far. He said we have severe mental illnesses on the streets of this city and we are beginning to whittle down the folks we can help; those are the tough cases; we need to have a serious conversation; and I hope it will start tonight with looking at a path forward and a RFP. He said we must address the mental health gap, because there are folks who are going to get turned out on the streets and there's nowhere for them to go; there's no help for them to get; there isn't a program for them to get in. He said most of them are in the Emergency Shelter getting help, but it's very obvious that there's a huge gap with that particular part of the population.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director agreed to find out the average stay time. She continued to report that Item 5 is related to the City of Columbia, Christ Central Ministries and the service providers recognizing that the immediate challenge of homelessness and poverty requires a community response and that this is a we challenge and not a them challenge and never an effort to deprive any individual of civil liberties or to criminalize poverty. The assignment is to be determined; however, we anticipate the response to be provided for in the RFP.

Councilor Runyan clarified that as of the report that was presented here today, \$125,000 was the City's contribution to this that has been leveraged into an additional \$240,000 in donations; Ameris Bank on Main Street gave 100,000 units of food and a couple of tractor trailers of food and provisions came in from Operation Compassion.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director reported that Item 6 is regarding the City of Columbia encouraging participation by nonprofit, faith based organizations and others that provide meals and services to the homeless in Columbia to participate in the coordination of services including providing meals and services for residents at the Emergency Homeless Shelter. This is part of Christ Central Ministries' responsibilities and while this is an ongoing item, service providers attended a meeting on October 23, 2013 and 23 churches and groups have provided one or more meals at the shelter. Item 7 requires Christ Central Ministries and the City of Columbia to deliver to City Council, detailed financial statements and qualitative and quantitative measurements regarding the Emergency Shelter operations after the midpoint and endpoint of the program. A statement was received for November 15<sup>th</sup>; weekly reports are being provided; and qualitative and quantitative measures will be provided at the midpoint. Item 8 is that the City Manager develop a budget recommendation and implementation plan to retain the current level of community foot patrol of police in the downtown area of Columbia and these items were presented by Chief Santiago at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting during his Downtown Safety and Security presentation. Item 9 is related to the six (6) homeless response goals as presented by the people of Columbia and adopted by the City Council and staff is requesting more direction with regards to what targets they are expected to provide in achieving these items; otherwise, many of these responses may be responded to from the RFP. She asked if they wanted to discuss this now.

Councilor Runyan said this is the critical piece of the RFP; that's the target that the RFP is shooting at; without a destination, there's no telling where you will end up.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director continued to report on Item 10, which is for the City of Columbia to receive proposals to address the long-term response to homeless poverty through January 2, 2014 and to encourage all who want to participate in the RFP process to engage in an orientation session and a planning session(s). The RFP is being drafted and we anticipate that it will be finalized and ready for distribution during the first week in December. Item 11 is to adopt several of the following immediately actionable items of the Homeless Advisory Committee: a) Develop a "Homeless Central" website within the City of Columbia webpages and staff is working to determine which links to include on the City's website within Community Development and b) Increasing "No Panhandling" and "No Loitering" signage and posters and trash cans on Calhoun, Main and Sumter Streets; David Knoche has driven through the area and inventoried the existing signage; he has talked with the Public Works Director; and they will be working to add additional signage in those areas.

Councilor Plough requested a timeline for the implementation of the signs, posters and trash cans.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director continued to report on item c) Utilizing the City Center Partnership Yellow Shirts and all other options available in order to further educate the homeless community and the public at large with regard to the City of Columbia's loitering and panhandling ordinances and guidelines. We have an annual agreement with the City Center Partnership and this language will be added to that agreement.

Councilor Runyan gave kudos to the Yellow Shirts, because they have worked so hard to coordinate with the shelter, Christ Central, the Columbia Police Department and the downtown businesses. He said they have worked as a team to help formulate an effective response; they are champions.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director reported that item d) is offering three meals a day at the Emergency Homeless Shelter and to invite homeless meal providers to a meal services summit in order to discuss the consolidation of meal services and explore options for providers to assist with the Emergency Homeless Shelter's meal service rather than providing their own. We've asked Christ Central Ministries to provide an update; this may have been discussed at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and may be discussed at the committee meeting tomorrow; these are ongoing matters.

Councilor Plough asked if we held the forum yet. She asked if we are planning to do something.

Councilor Runyan said there was an orientation meeting three weeks ago; forty different groups were represented; they shared how the shelter is operating; and they were given the opportunity to indicate how they want to participate.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director explained that Christ Central was asked to put that together. She reported that Item 11e) Enforcing all ordinances and requirements related to public gathering and food distribution is being addressed by Jeff Caton, Director of Parks and Recreation by making contact with all service providers about our permitting ordinances and notifying them that we will be enforcing those ordinances on a date set; park signage will be updated to reflect group permitting requirements; a press release will be submitted; policies and procedures will be submitted to address entertainment organizations and school groups that may not be aware of the permit requirements; staff will be trained and instructed with regard to enforcement to ensure compliance by all parties that conduct events or activities; park users who fail to comply with the ordinance and directions of park staff will be reported to the Columbia Police Department; and records will be maintained for all permits requested and issued; applicable fees will be assessed; and any denial of a permit will be provided in writing to a requestor. Item 11f) is moving towards providing permanent self-operating and self-cleaning restrooms on a 24-hour basis and the units are estimated to cost \$100,000 to \$300,000 per unit.

Councilor Devine asked if staff estimated how many units are needed.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we've been looking at locations and it is an ongoing discussion. She said they will get feedback from Council as well.

Councilor Runyan recalled that there was money in the Penny Sales Tax for upgrading the bus shelters. He asked if we looked at that as a possibility of collaborating with them to perhaps provide integrated bus stations and public restroom facilities in the city core.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said we can certainly do that. She said they can talk with Mr. Snyder and the CMRTA about that and they also have to consider the monitoring of the locations.

Councilor Runyan recalled that in Europe or larger American cities there are self-contained, single use and self-sanitizing restrooms.

Councilor Baddourah asked why there is such a variance in the costs.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director said it depends on the number of units within each unit.

Mr. David Knoche, Director of General Services said the self-cleaning units in San Francisco, Pittsburgh and the within the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department are \$300,000; it's a self-cleaning toilet facility with a kiosk for visitors. He said he is still gathering information. He noted that San Francisco and Pittsburgh have issues with prostitution and drug use.

Councilor Plough asked how other cities like Asheville have addressed this. She said it would be important to know if they have used the temporary units that self-sanitize or any other approaches.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said they will check some cities similar to our size.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director concluded the report with item 12, which is to explore all available options to address the specific needs of veterans, families and children in our community and we anticipate this to be addressed in the RFP.

Councilor Devine asked who will be reviewing the responses to the RFP.

Ms. Missy Caughman, Budget Director said the RFP is written to go through the regular RFP process and a staff committee will be assigned to review the responses.

Mr. Bob Wynn, Arsenal Hill Neighborhood President said he visited the Emergency Shelter and it is clean and secure and good service is being provided. He reported that he hasn't heard of any real increase in foot traffic or other problems in the neighborhood that would indicate that there is an excessive flow through the neighborhood that is creating problems for the residents or businesses.



## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to approve the **Consent Agenda Items 12 through 29**.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BIDS, AGREEMENTS and CHANGE ORDERS**

12. Council is asked to approve a [Contract for Uniforms](#), as requested by the Fire Department. Award this contract to Designlab, Inc., the lowest bidder meeting specifications in the amount of \$78,162.40. This vendor is located in Irmo, SC. *Funding Source: Fire Suppressions-Uniforms and Clothing, 1012303-624100; \$38,100.00 and Fire Administration/County-Uniforms and Clothing, 2082301-624100; \$40,062.42 - Approved*
13. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of Five \(5\) Chevrolet Caprices](#), as requested by the Police Department. Award this purchase to Love Chevrolet Company, using the SC State Contract in the amount of \$135,820.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Confiscated Funds DEA-Autos, Trucks, Heavy Equipment Capital; 2042412-658500 - Approved*
14. Council is asked to approve the [Purchase of One \(1\) Tandem Dump Truck](#), as requested by the Water Distribution Division. Award this purchase to Shealy's Truck Center, Inc. as the lowest bidder meeting the Local Business Enterprise requirements in the amount of \$134,242.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Utilities Water Distribution & Maintenance-Autos, Truck, Heavy Equipment Capital; 5516203-658500 – Consideration of this item was deferred on November 12, 2013. - Approved*
15. Council is asked to approve a [First Amendment to the Professional Services Contract for the Housing First Pilot Program](#). Award this contract amendment to the University of South Carolina in the amount of \$225,000.00 effective July 1, 2013. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: 1018410 Homeless Services **Note:** The contract is being amended to reduce the budget from \$250,000 to \$225,000. - Approved*
16. Council is asked to approve a [Response to the Request for Proposals for an Update to the Parking Master Plan](#), as requested by the Parking Services Department. Award this Request for Proposals to Lansing Melbourne Group in an amount not to exceed \$108,000.00. This vendor is located in Melbourne Beach, FL. *Funding Source: Parking Improvement Project Control/Professional Services; 5329999-636600 - Approved*

17. Council is asked to approve [Contract Amendment #3 for Projects SS6884, WM4179 and SD8141](#); an Agreement for Engineering Services for Design and Construction of Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain Improvements in the Read Street area, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award this amendment to CDM Smith in the amount of \$149,172.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: (Capital Improvement Project) Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Improvements Funds; 5529999-SS688401-636600 (\$33,518.95), 5529999-WM417901-636600 (\$62,115.22) and 5549999-SD814101-636600 (\$53,537.83) – **Note:** With this change order, the total project amount is \$909,964.00. The following sub-consultants are being utilized for this project at 63.01% of the contract value. - Approved*

Sub-consultants	Locations	Services	Contract Value
Civil Engineering Consulting Services (FBE/MBE)	Columbia, SC	Surface Utility Exploration Assistance	33.68%
Construction Support Services (MBE)	Columbia, SC	Surveying Services	13.70%
Maxim Communications Group (MBE)	Columbia, SC	Community Input	10.90%
Geomech Group, Inc. (WDBE)	Columbia, SC	Geotechnical Drilling Services	4.73%

18. Council is asked to approve [Change Order #8 for Project SS6871](#); Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Final Clarifiers, as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award this Change Order to M.B. Kahn in the amount of \$285,347.92. This firm is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: SS-Misc. **Note:** This change order will compensate construction company for providing and installing disinfection and monitoring equipment and it will extend the contract completion date to December 31, 2013. - Approved*
19. Council is asked to approve [Project SS7182; Construction Improvements for the Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration System](#), as requested by the Utilities and Engineering Department. Award this project to M.B. Kahn Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,185,617.75. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: (Capital Improvement Project Year 1) Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project Fund 5529999-658660 – **Note:** This is a Mentor Protégé Program Project and Corley Construction (Protégé) located in Irmo, SC is implementing 29% (\$924,000.00) of the contract value. The original budget amount is \$3,444,000.00. - Approved*
20. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for the Health Benefits Plan Third Party Administrator, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award the [Contract Renewal to Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina](#) in the amount of \$2,564,850.00. This vendor is located in Columbia, SC. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 - Approved*

21. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for the Dental Benefits Plan Third Party Administrator, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award the [Contract Renewal to Delta Dental of Missouri](#) in the amount of \$55,000.00. This vendor is located in St. Louis Missouri. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6028931 - Approved*
22. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for the Pharmacy Benefits Plan Third Party Administrator, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award the [Contract Renewal to Medco/Express Scripts](#) in the amount of \$132,000.00. This vendor is located in Franklin Lakes, NJ. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 - Approved*
23. Council is asked to approve a Contract Renewal for the Medicare Supplement and Prescription Coverage for Post-65 and Medicare Eligible Retirees and Dependents, as requested by the Human Resources Department. Award the [Contract Renewal to United Healthcare](#) in the amount of \$1,350,000.00. This vendor is located in Minnetonka, MN. *Funding Source: Health Insurance Fund GL-6048933 - Approved*

#### ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

24. [Ordinance No.: 2013-039](#) – Granting a Franchise to Keyser Concessions, LLC for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart on the northwest corner of Main Street and Washington Street – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*
25. [Ordinance No.: 2013-075](#) – Granting a Franchise to Anthony Garvin d/b/a Taniya's Fire Grill for operation of a stationary sidewalk vending cart in the mid-block pad near 1701 Main Street – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*
26. [Ordinance No.: 2013-101](#) – Granting encroachment to the University of South Carolina for use of the right of way area of the 800 block of Sumter Street, Richland County TMS #11304-05-01, adjacent to the USC Arnold School of Health for installation and maintenance of stamped asphalt pavement, concrete curbing, driveway and brick wall – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*
27. [Ordinance No.: 2013-114](#) – Granting encroachment to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for installation and maintenance of a landscaping and an irrigation system in the right of way areas of the 900 block of Park Street, 900 block of College Street and 900 block of Pendleton Street adjacent to 955 Park Street, Richland County TMS #08916-08-01 – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*

28. [Ordinance No. 2013-116](#) – Granting encroachment to Habenicht Co. LLC for installation and maintenance of a wooden barrel, post and footings within the right of way area of the 1600 block of Main Street in front of its business at 1631 Main Street, Richland County TMS #08914-10-09 – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*
29. [Ordinance No.: 2013-125](#) – Authorizing consumption of beer and wine beverages **only** at the 2014 Famously Hot New Year Event – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading.*

### **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING**

30. [Ordinance No.: 2013-128](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Myers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02 – *First reading approval was given on November 12, 2013. – Approved on second reading by a vote of four (4) to one (1).*

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney explained that the caption of the ordinance has been amended.

Councilor Plough said she would like to extend the agreement to December 10, 2013 so we will have a better feel for what they are planning to do.

Mr. Kenneth E. Gaines, Esq., City Attorney advised against that, noting that a new ordinance would be drafted and it will require two readings to authorize the new contract.

Councilor Devine stated that Sustainable Midlands is concerned about not being able to meet with Mr. Sasser to discuss the way things are going. She said their response has been that they want to wait until their contract is more definitive before they do that. She requested that staff talk with them. She recalled the time spent during the meeting to approve the first contract. She doesn't see any harm in meeting with Sustainable Midlands and others to ensure that concerns are understood from the beginning. She asked that we facilitate that happening during this time.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager agreed to facilitate that.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted four (4) to one (1) to give second reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-128 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Third Amendment to Purchase Agreement between the City of Columbia and Bright-Myers 2001 LLC for the sale of 5.97 +/- acres (Capital City Stadium), Richland County TMS #11204-02-02. The Third Amendment to Purchase Agreement would be amended to add language to extend the date contained in Paragraph 2 (a) to December 10, 2013 and the closing date contained in Paragraph 14 and the date to satisfy the contingencies in Paragraph 21 will be held in abeyance in order to allow City staff and the Purchaser sufficient time to negotiate mutually satisfactorily

amendments to the Purchase Agreement, which will be contingent upon City Council approval and the ordinance will be amended to read: if such amendments are negotiated the City Manager is authorized to extend the date contained in Paragraph 2 (a) in order for City Council to vote during the first two City Council meetings in calendar year 2014 to approve or disapprove the amendments to the Purchase Agreement and further extend the dates in Paragraph 2 (a), 14 and 21. Voting aye were Mr. Runyan, Mr. Newman, Ms. Plaugh and Ms. Devine. Mr. Baddourah voted nay.

### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

31. [Ordinance No.: 2013-129](#) – To amend Ordinance No. 2005-125, which authorized the Issuance of not exceeding \$7,750,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, series 2006A and Taxable series 2006B, of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to authorize the use of certain unexpended bond anticipation note proceeds for the City's General Capital Improvements needs; and other matters relating thereto – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-129 – To amend Ordinance No. 2005-125, which authorized the Issuance of not exceeding \$7,750,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, series 2006A and Taxable series 2006B, of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, to authorize the use of certain unexpended bond anticipation note proceeds for the City's General Capital Improvements needs; and other matters relating thereto.

32. [Ordinance No. 2013-131](#) – Granting encroachment to the Catholic Charities for installation and maintenance of sod and an irrigation system within the right of way areas of the 1400 block of Pickens Street and the 1500 block of Hampton Street adjacent to its building at 1427 Pickens Street, Richland County TMS #11402-13-05 – *Approved on first reading.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plaugh and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No. 2013-131 – Granting encroachment to the Catholic Charities for installation and maintenance of sod and an irrigation system within the right of way areas of the 1400 block of Pickens Street and the 1500 block of Hampton Street adjacent to its building at 1427 Pickens Street, Richland County TMS #11402-13-05.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

33. [Resolution No.: R-2013-080](#) – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Refund Agreement between the City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority – *Approved*

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager said this does provide full reimbursement to the City of Columbia.

Councilor Newman thanked Ms. Plough for her persistence and due diligence in making sure the taxpayers and citizens of Columbia are made whole as a result of their commitment to the Transit Authority.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution No.: R-2013-080 – Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Refund Agreement between the City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **34. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Plough, Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Ms. Rosie Craig to the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee for the unexpired term of Dr. John Dozier ending in 2016.

There was a consensus of Council to advertise the vacancy when Ms. Cynthia Hardy's term expires.

### **ZONING PUBLIC HEARING**

- **Council opened the Zoning Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.**

#### **MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING**

35. **1400 Blaine Street**, TMS# 16305-04-01; request to rezone .26 acres from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial District). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from RS-2 zoning to M-1
Applicant:	Frank E. Robinson, III of Richardson, Plowden and Robinson, P.A. for South Carolina Property Partners, LLC
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 09/09/13
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 1400 Blaine Street, TMS# 16305-04-01; request to rezone .26 acres from RS-2 (Single Family Residential) to M-1 (Light Industrial District).



36. [4001 River Drive](#), TMS# 09102-01-02; request to rezone 27.36 acres from PUD-LS (Planned Unit Development – Large Scale) to RG-1A (General Residential District). *The applicant has requested a deferral until the January 2014 Zoning Public Hearing.*

Council District:	1
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from PUD-LS to RG-1A
Applicant:	Stephanie L. Norris of STC North Carolina for Horizon Landings Columbia, LP
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 09/09/13
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

Councilor Devine asked for renderings for this site.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said we don't have a site plan yet; it's just a rezoning.

Councilor Plough asked why the deferral was requested.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services said they are dealing with financing issues.

37. [919 True Street](#), TMS# 16408-01-03; request to rezone 1.67 acres from M-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Office and Institutional District). – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	4
Proposal:	Rezone parcel from M-1 zoning to C-1
Applicant:	James H. Carr for James H. Carr & Associates, Inc.
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 09/09/13
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 919 True Street, TMS# 16408-01-03; request to rezone 1.67 acres from M-1 (Light Industrial District) to C-1 (Office and Institutional District).

ANNEXATION WITH MAP AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

38. [2309 Apple Valley Road](#), TMS# 07502-01-18; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties RG-1 (General Residential). The property is zoned RM-MD (Multi-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 1  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties RG-1;  
contiguous; secondary area  
Applicant: Marguerite W. Sanders  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 09/09/13  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-121](#) – Annexing 2309 Apple Valley Road, Richland County TMS #07502-01-18 – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 2309 Apple Valley Road, TMS# 07502-01-18; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties RG-1 (General Residential). The property is zoned RM-MD (Multi-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-121 – Annexing 2309 Apple Valley Road, Richland County TMS #07502-01-18.

39. [168 Island View Circle](#), TMS# 28912-01-06; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties PUD-R (Planned Unit Development-Residential). The property is zoned PDD (Planned Development District) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 4  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties PUD-R;  
contiguous; Donut Hole  
Applicant: Brian K. Searfoss and Lisa C. Searfoss  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 09/09/13  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-122](#) – Annexing 168 Island View Circle, Richland County TMS #28912-01-06 – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 168 Island View Circle, TMS# 28912-01-06; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties PUD-R (Planned Unit Development-Residential) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-122 – Annexing 168 Island View Circle, Richland County TMS #28912-01-06.



40. [602 Bush River Road and 101 Arrowwood Road](#), TMS# 07301-06-02(a) and 07304-0602(b); request recommendation to annex and zone the properties C-3 (General Commercial). The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 2  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties C-3; contiguous; secondary area  
Applicant: Danny R. Kiser  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 09/09/13  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-120](#) – Annexing 602 Bush River Road and 101 Arrowwood Road, Richland County TMS #07304-06-02(a) and 07304-06-02(b) – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development Services explained that it appears to be a parcel inside a parcel strictly for leasing purposes; it's not a parcel itself, but if you have a long-term lease it appears that the tax assessor will allow that to be a parcel for tax purposes, but it cannot be deeded. She said the parcel will be removed, because the structure is being demolished and a Cookout is being constructed.

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 602 Bush River Road and 101 Arrowwood Road, TMS# 07301-06-02(a) and 07304-0602(b); request recommendation to annex and zone the properties C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-120 – Annexing 602 Bush River Road and 101 Arrowwood Road, Richland County TMS #07304-06-02(a) and 07304-06-02(b).

41. [3810 River Drive](#), TMS# 09103-05-04; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties C-3 (General Commercial). The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District: 1  
Proposal: Annex and zone properties C-3; contiguous; primary area  
Applicant: Bobbie S. Bell & Mary Frances Dyches  
PC Recommendation: Approve (7-0), 09/09/13  
Staff Recommendation: Approve

[Ordinance No.: 2013-119](#) – Annexing 3804 River Drive, 3806 River Drive and 3810 River Drive, Richland County TMS #09103-05-04 – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a single motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Baddourah, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for 3810 River Drive, TMS# 09103-05-04; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties C-3 (General Commercial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-119 – Annexing 3804 River Drive, 3806 River Drive and 3810 River Drive, Richland County TMS #09103-05-04.

42. [\*\*NX 1409 Dunston Road\*\*](#), TMS# 16309-06-01; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial). The property is zoned RS-MD (Single-Family Residential-Medium Density) in Richland County. – *Approved on first reading.*

Council District:	3
Proposal:	Annex and zone properties RG-1; contiguous; secondary area
Applicant:	John Richardson, Jr.
PC Recommendation:	Approve (7-0), 09/09/13
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[\*\*Ordinance No.: 2013-123\*\*](#) – Annexing NX 1409 Dunston Road, Richland County TMS #16309-06-01 – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to the Map Amendment for NX 1409 Dunston Road, TMS# 16309-06-01; request recommendation to annex and zone the properties M-1 (Light Industrial) **and** Ordinance No.: 2013-123 – Annexing NX 1409 Dunston Road, Richland County TMS #16309-06-01.

#### TEXT AMENDMENT – FIRST READING

43. [\*\*Amend §17-258 Table of Permitted Uses\*\*](#) to modify SIC number and permitted locations for Temporary Help Supply Services.

Council District:	1, 2, 3, and 4
Proposal:	Amend Chapter 17 – 112 (2)
Applicant:	Krista M. Hampton, Director of Planning & Development Services
PC Recommendation:	Approve (6-1), 09/09/13
Staff Recommendation:	Approve

[\*\*Ordinance No.: 2013-115\*\*](#) – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning Division 8, District Descriptions, Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, SIC 736 Personnel Supply Services – *Approved on first reading.*

*No one appeared in support of or in opposition to this matter.*

Upon a motion made by Ms. Devine and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to give first reading approval to Ordinance No.: 2013-115 – Amending the 1998 Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, Chapter 17, Planning, Land Development and Zoning, Article III, Zoning Division 8, District Descriptions, Use and Dimensional Regulations, Sec. 17-258 Table of permitted uses, SIC 736 Personnel Supply Services.

▪ **Council adjourned the Zoning Public Hearing at 8:50 p.m.**

Councilor Devine requested a report to the Council during a Work Session on annexations to include donut holes.

Ms. Teresa Wilson, City Manager suggested that this report be a part of the legislative update in January.

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

44. Public Safety Committee

Councilor Baddourah reported that the Public Safety Committee met today and received information on grants. He said the Police Department will be submitting a JAG Grant, which is due on January 10, 2014. The Legal Department was asked to draft an ordinance to make the sale of single cigarettes illegal in the City of Columbia. The committee asked City staff to bring back recommendations for pedestrian crossing signs at the next committee meeting.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of the Gang Assessment that was commissioned in 2008 at the next Public Safety Committee meeting on December 10, 2013.

Councilor Devine asked that Dr. Abigail Rogers and Dr. Rojek be invited to that meeting.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Plough and seconded by Mr. Newman, Council voted unanimously to refer an update on the implementation of the Hospitality Taskforce recommendations to the Public Safety Committee.

45. Council is asked to refer a review of [Undergrounding Power Lines](#) to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee, as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. - *Approved*

46. Council is asked to refer a review of [Special Event Recycling](#) to the Environment & Infrastructure Committee, as requested by The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan. - *Approved*

Upon a single motion made by Mr. Runyan and seconded by Ms. Devine, Council voted unanimously to refer a review of best practices and cost savings seen by other communities for undergrounding power lines and an update on recycling programs to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

### **APPEARANCE OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Willie Hampton said he isn't willing to go to a baseball game if the area isn't safe. He said we need a better gang taskforce, narcotics unit, funding and a permanent chief. He said most of the homeless receive income from the federal government and we need to focus more on the police department.

▪ **Mayor Benjamin returned to the meeting at 9:02 p.m.**

Mr. Jaja Akair said he presented a proposal to do a fundraising concert for the City of Columbia. He said every dime will be donated to the city for the needs of the city. He said we have a lot of needs to be met and he is here to help raise the money. He said he has asked others to participate and he is getting a lot of rave behind it. He said he has completed an application to hold the event on December 28, 2013. He asked if there is anything City Council and the Mayor can do to assist him.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Baddourah and seconded by Mr. Runyan, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting and reconvene the Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. for the discussion of the employment of an employee.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Erika D. Moore  
City Clerk